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## City to Solicit Community Input on Neighborhood Infrastructure Priorities

Community meetings begin Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

SAN DIEGO, California, Monday, Oct. 21, 2013 –San Diego residents have an opportunity to weigh in on their neighborhood's infrastructure priorities beginning tomorrow when the City kicks off a series of meetings with Councilman Mark Kersey, chair of the Infrastructure Committee.

The purpose of the meetings is to solicit input directly from communities about the type of projects they believe should be a priority for their neighborhood.

"The number of projects that need to be completed city-wide, far outpaces the amount of funding available which is why it's critical we get the community's input to determine projects they want to see completed first," said Councilman Kersey.

In June, San Diego City Council passed a policy that makes public input a formal part of the infrastructure planning process. Over the past three months, the City's community planning groups have spent countless hours identifying specific projects. The information gathered at the upcoming meetings will compliment that process and be incorporated into the City's first-ever rolling five-year infrastructure plan to be released this coming summer.

"Infrastructure is the most important issue facing our City right now," said Interim Mayor Todd Gloria. "These meetings demonstrate the City's commitment toward civic engagement as we work to rebuild San Diego."

The first of the meetings will be held with Interim Mayor Gloria on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room at the Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road, San Diego, CA 92101).

Other neighborhood infrastructure input meetings will take place throughout the rest of this year:

- Thurs., Oct. 24, 6 p.m., District Seven with Councilmember Scott Sherman Mission Trails Park Visitors Center, One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119
- Wed., Oct. 30, 6 p.m., District Four with Councilmember Myrtle Cole
   Malcolm X Library Music Room, 5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114
- Wed., Nov. 6, 6 p.m., District Six with Councilmember Lorie Zapf Pangea Bakery Café, 4689 Convoy St. #100, San Diego, CA 92111
- Wed., Nov. 13, 6 p.m., District Two with Councilmember Kevin Faulconer Cadman Elementary School Auditorium, 4370 Kamloop Avenue San Diego, CA 92117
- November 20, 6 p.m. District Nine with Councilmember Marti Emerald City Heights Community Recreation Center 4380 Landis St, San Diego, CA 92105

- Thurs. Dec. 5, 6 p.m., District One with Councilmember Sherri Lightner Location to be determined
- Wed., Dec. 11, 6 p.m., District Eight with Councilmember David Alvarez
  Colonel Irving Salomon San Ysidro Community Activity Center, 179 Diza Road, San Diego, CA 92173

Over the summer, Councilman Kersey held a neighborhood infrastructure input meeting in District Five, which he represents.

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